Supply of milk products at DMS depots

†1985. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply of products such as pure ghee, butter-100 gm, curd and sweet milk apart from milk has been discontinued in the depots of Delhi Milk Scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any scheme for restarting the sale of the said items; and

(d) if so, by when it would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (d) The primary objective of DMS is to supply milk to the citizens of Delhi. DMS milk products such as ghee, butter, curd etc. are manufactured in the event surplus raw milk is available. During the last few months, due to shortage of milk, DMS could not supply these products to its Depots. However, now these products are being manufactured and the same are available to the consumers except sweetened flavoured milk. Milk supply has never been discontinued at the depots.

Number of DMS employees

†1986. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to reduce the number of employees of the Delhi Milk Scheme; and

(b) if so, by when it will be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no plan to reduce the number of employees of the Delhi Milk Scheme.

Loss of livestock to mechanised slaughter of animals

†1987. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are worried about the fact that thousands of healthy animals mostly Bovine, are taken to the mechanized slaughter houses of metropolitan cities and other countries from many States where their killing is banned;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to stop/to get stopped this continuous loss of livestock;

(c) whether any project is being run by the Central Government itself for the protection and utilization of animals;

(d) if not, whether any assistance is being provided to the projects running in the States; and

(e) whether there is any provision to provide assistance to States; if so, the details thereof for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) The movement of healthy animals for purposes of slaughter is not worrisome so long as it is in conformity with law.

(c) to (e) The Government is running a number of schemes, both in Central Sector and Centrally sponsored, for protection of animals from disease and improving productivity, leading to their better utilization. The expenditure on various such animal husbandry and dairying schemes was Rs.412.64 crores in 2004-05, Rs.418.52 crores in 2005-06 and Rs.515.36 crores in 2006-07.

Farm subsidies

1988. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that developed countries like the US and Japan are giving 30 per cent of their GDP towards farm subsidies;

(b) whether it is a fact that a country like India where about 63 per cent depend on agriculture is extending a scarce share of the GDP towards subsidies; and

(c) if so; what steps Government would take to step up farm subsidies to reduce interest rates for agriculture and self-help groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The details regarding Domestic Support provided by USA and Japan as notified to the World Trade Organization for the latest available years of 2000 and 2001 are given as under:

	(In US $ million)	
Name of the Country	Total Domestic Support	
	2000	2001
USA	74,200.30	72,129.10
Japan	30,551.97	–